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MEMORANDUM FOR

: Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

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: Purchase of "N" Racks

REFERENCE

: Memo to Project Director dtd 13 Jan.1959 from AD/SI 25X1

- 1. The decision to cut headquarters procurement to two "N" racks was the recommendation of your office. Since your technical personnel were closest to the work it was assumed at the time of the recommendation that they understood the total number of racks on order by the Agency and whether the engineering models would meet their needs. The initial order was for 4 "N" racks and a cutback to "2" racks left only Serial No. 1 and 2 available for your use.
- 2. Your office was verbally advised on October 14, 1958 that Serial No. 3 was on loan from the Air Force and that if you desired another unit you should either furnish funding or justify the use of Project money. Your reply of 13 January 1959 was apparently a reply to this request.
- 3. In accordance with your request, we have taken the following actions:
 - (a) Obtained a delay in return of the "N" rack to the Air Force.
 - (b) Requested a reassessment of SAC's requirements.
 - (c) Explored the possibility of purchasing an "N" rack from FGG.
 - (d) Requested Contractor for cost and delivery data for one or two additional "N" racks. (\$15,000 each with 7 month delivery).

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- 4. It is still felt however, that the funding required for any "N" racks to be ordered at this time should be furnished by your office.
 - 5. Your early reply on this matter would be appreciated.

(sgd) Richard in Bissell, Jr.

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